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SUBJECT: W/W

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1. AS INDICATED IN EMBASSY'S REFTEL, LUCY BENSON IS VA AND SSA BENEFICIARY OF \$530 TOTAL MONTHLY. BENSON APPARENTLY DEPARTED FOR EUROPE EARLY AUTUMN 1972 WITH FIVE CHILDREN IN TOW AFTER HUSBAND'S DEATH IN U.S. IT APPEARS THAT THEY FIRST TRAVELED TO ROME, ITALY AND THEN TO LONDON IN OCTOBER 1973 WHERE SHE HAS HAD AN ALMOST CONTINUOUS LACK OF FUNDS PROBLEM PRIMARILY DUE TO HER POOR PLANNING AND IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR. IN LAST VISIT TO EMBASSY ON JANUARY 17, BENSON ASKED THAT WE ADVISE EMBASSY ROME OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SSA CHECK EFFECTIVE MARCH, 1974. SHE GAVE MOTHER'S ADDRESS; MRS. PARKER, 133 NORTH COLLEGE STREET, HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA (TEL: A/C 919 GE8 3376) AND INDICATED SHE WOULD RETURN THERE IN MARCH. BENSON DID NOT REPEAT NOT REQUEST REPATRIATION HELP FROM EMBASSY, BUT AS EMBASSY 12290 POINTED OUT SHE AND CHILDREN POTENTIAL REPATRIATION CASES AND OBVIOUSLY THEIR RETURN TO HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA IN BEST INTERESTS ALL CONCERNED.

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